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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EMIN, EFIN, CG, BE
SUBJECT: STATUS OF KOLWEZI MINES

REF: LUBUMBASHI 0818

1. BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S ZAIRE DESK OFFICER (JAENEN) TOLD US JULY 12 THAT GECAMINES' KOLWEZI FACILITIES ARE PRESENTLY OPERATING AT 50-60 PERCENT OF CAPACITY. HE THOUGHT THIS WAS QUITE AN ACCOMPLISHMENT SINCE FACILITIES WERE BEING RUN LARGEMLY BY THE ZAIRIAN TECHNICIANS IN KOLWEZI, WITH TWELVE BELGIAN TECHNICIANS FLYING IN EVERY DAY FROM LUBUMBASHI. USING THE ANALOGY OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DRIVING AN AUTOMOBILE AND BEING CONFRONTED WITH TASK OF REPAIRING ONE AFTER A BREAKDOWN, JAENEN SAID THAT THIS PRESENT SYSTEM USING ONLY ZAIRIAN TECHNICIANS PLUS THE TWELVE BELGIANS COULD GO ON SATISFACTORILY SO LONG AS THERE WERE NOT A BREAKDOWN IN THE COMPLICATED MINING MACHINERY.

2. JAENEN SAID HE SAW NO INDICATIONS THAT GOZ HAS MADE
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ANY MOVE TO INVITE THE EXPATRIATE BELGIAN EXPERTS TO RETURN TO KOLWEZI.

3. WE HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH SOCIETE GENERALE DES MINERAIS ON JULY 17, FROM WHICH WE HOPE TO ACQUIRE FURTHER DETAILS ON THE BELGIAN EXPATRIATE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION.
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